Warren Wilson Presbyterian Church

SERVICE OF WORSHIP
4th Sunday of Easter
April 30, 2023
11:00 a.m.

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

"As we let our own light shine, we unconsciously give other people permission to do the same."

Nelson Mandela

THE GREETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE PRELUDE Voluntary on *Brother James's Air* Searle Wright

***THE CALL TO WORSHIP** **Rev. Jamie Dale**

Leader: Blessed be the Lord, for he has heard the sound of my pleadings.
People: The Lord is my strength and my shield; in her my heart trusts;

Leader: so I am helped, and my heart exults, and with my song I give thanks to him.
People: The Lord is the strength of her people; she is the saving refuge of her anointed.

Leader: O save your people and bless your heritage;
All: be our shepherd and carry us forever.

Adapted from Psalm 28:6-9

***HYMN 239** "Good Christians All, Rejoice and Sing!"
GELOBT SEI GOTT

***THE PRAYER OF ADORATION (Unison)** **Dennis Stockdale**

Glory to you, O God:
For you won victory over death,
Raising Jesus from the grave
And giving us eternal life.

Glory to you, O Christ:
For us and for our salvation you overcame death
And opened the gate to everlasting life.

Glory to you, O Holy Spirit: you led us into the truth.

Glory to you, O Blessed Trinity,
Now and forever. Amen.

TIME FOR THE CHILD IN ALL
All those children and youth who are present are invited to come forward at this time.

A READING FROM THE PSALMS Psalm 23

ANTHEM This Joyful Eastertide Dutch carol arr. Charles wood

A READING FROM THE GOSPELS John 10:1-10

THE SERMON **Rev. Jamie Dale**

"Jesus: Shepherd and Gate"

SILENCE *A time to reflect on what we have heard, to pray, or simply to sit in God's presence.*

***HYMN 802** "The King of Love My Shepherd Is"
ST. COLUMBA

***THE AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (Unison)**

In life and death we belong to god.
Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,
The love of God,
And the communion of the Holy Spirit,
We trust in one triune God, the Holy One of Israel,
Whom alone we worship and serve.

We trust in Jesus Christ,
Fully human, fully God,
Jesus proclaimed the reign of God:
Preaching good news to the poor and release to the captives,
Teaching by word and deed and blessing the children,
Healing the sick and binding up the brokenhearted,
Eating with outcasts, forgiving sinners,
And calling all to repent and believe the gospel.

Unjustly condemned for blasphemy and sedition,
Jesus was crucified,
Suffering the depths of human pain
And giving his life for the sins of the world.

God raised Jesus from the dead,
Vindicating his sinless life,
Breaking the power of sin and evil,
Delivering us from death to life eternal.

With believers in every time and place,
We rejoice that nothing in life or in death
Can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

A Brief Statement of Faith: Jesus

THE PASTORAL PRAYER

***HYMN 515** "I Come with Joy"
DOVE OF PEACE

***THE CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE Voluntary on *Gelobt sei Gott* Healy Willan

*Please stand as you are able

CHURCH STAFF
Rev. Dr. Steve Runholt, Minister
Frank W. Boles, Interim Director of Music
Donna Eagle Joslin, Church Administrator
Leslie Sayyar, Brent Roberts, Treasurers
Barbara Escalante, Bookkeeper

Liturgist: Dennis Stockdale
Coffee Hour Hosts: Janice Collins
Elder of the Day: Sharon Lytle

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THE ANNOUNCEMENTS

WELCOME VISITORS! If you are worshiping here for the first time today, welcome! We are glad to have you with us on this joyous day!

PRAYERS GO OUT FOR: Arden Starnes and family, on the death of Danny; Pat Wilson on the death of her sister, Mary Rose; Susan Runholt, Steve's sister; Lee Dugger and family; Betty Smith; Salyna Morgan; Bob Gambrell; Walt Roberts, Fran & Burnace's son; Blake Joslin and his parents, Carol Lee and Brooks; Houston Huggins, Beth Meriwether's brother; Bartley Spencer, Sandy Brauer's brother; the family of Bob Kesterson, Mark Meriwether's uncle, on his death; Jackie Wintle's cousin, Richard Taylor and her niece, Jessica Brown; Kip Smith, Tacci's father; Pat Crumpler; Shane Reece, Nancy Garrison's son; Pat Wilson's son, Kell; Fred Porter & Fred Harvey, the Griswold's brothers-in-law; Erika Lytle; Jackie Ligon Cole; Rick Garrison; Fran Roberts' sister-in-law, Linda Briggs; Flo Bishop; Jon Hettrick and his family; Marjorie Hettrick; Kim Reece, daughter of Nancy and Rick Garrison.

OFFERING We will not receive a formal offering during our service however, there are offering plates as you enter the sanctuary, or you may mail your offering to: Warren Wilson Presbyterian Church 101 chapel Lane, Swannanoa, NC 28778, or make donations directly and securely on our website by going to www.warrenwilsonchurch.org.

SPECIAL COFFEE HOUR TODAY Join the Congregational life Ministry Team in our quarterly Celebration of Birthday, Anniversaries, and other momentous days in your life during our Coffee Hour!

BENEFIT CONCERT Please join Connell Sanderson and friends for an evening of Irish music on Friday, May 5 at 7pm here in the Chapel. This performance will begin his journey to attend the University of Limerick in Ireland where he has been accepted into the M.A. programme in Irish Music Performance for the 2023-24 year. Study overseas means no financial assistance and limited work opportunities, so this event is the start of an effort to raise funds necessary for him to live and study in Ireland for 12 months. Look for flyers in the Narthex. For more information you may contact Connell (madpiper91@gmail.com) or Diana Sanderson (diantiger60@gmail.com). Thank you!

SAVE THE DATE On May 21 following our service, we'll meet on the Patio of Fellowship Hall for an Ice Cream Social! Look for more details in future bulletins. Sponsored by the Congregational Life Team.

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At Warren Wilson Presbyterian Church we are mothers and fathers, single and married, gay and straight, young and old, black and white, prosperous and poor, uncertain and sure, broken and whole - and everything in between. Together we are the many faces of humanity, yet as a joyful, caring and loving community of faith, we are one in Christ!